

## SENATE BILL No. 432

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 14-16-1.

**Synopsis:** Off-road vehicles. Requires the bureau of motor vehicles (BMV) to provide complete registration services for off-road vehicles at license branches. Allows the BMV to charge for this service. Changes the fee for registration of an off-road vehicle from \$6 for three years to \$15 for two years. Provides for the use of decals instead of numbers on vehicles to identify registered off-road vehicles. Provides that the department of natural resources may use registration fee revenue to acquire land for vehicle trails and opportunities for off-road vehicles to use public or private land.

**Effective:** July 1, 2002.

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January 14, 2002, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning natural and cultural resources.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 14-16-1-7.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2002]: **Sec. 7.5. (a) Both:**

4           **(1) the department; and**

5           **(2) the bureau of motor vehicles (established by IC 9-14-1-1);**  
6 **shall provide registration services under this chapter for off-road**  
7 **vehicles.**

8       **(b) The bureau of motor vehicles:**

9           **(1) shall provide at each license branch operated by the**  
10 **bureau complete registration services for off-road vehicles**  
11 **that include:**

12           **(A) access to all registration services that off-road vehicle**  
13 **owners require; and**

14           **(B) an information service concerning off-road vehicles;**  
15 **and**

16           **(2) may impose a charge for the services of license branches**  
17 **under this chapter in addition to the fee provided in section 9**



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of this chapter.

(c) The bureau of motor vehicles must transmit to the department the following:

(1) All information the bureau of motor vehicles possesses concerning off-road vehicles.

(2) All money that the bureau of motor vehicles collects under this chapter other than charges collected under subsection (b)(2).

(d) The department shall assist the bureau of motor vehicles in the performance of the bureau of motor vehicles' duties under this chapter.

SECTION 2. IC 14-16-1-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 9. (a) The owner of each vehicle required to be registered under this chapter must do the following:

(1) File an application for registration with:

(A) the department; or

(B) the bureau of motor vehicles;

on forms provided by the department.

(2) Sign the application.

(3) Pay a fee of ~~six fifteen~~ dollars ~~(\$6)~~: **(\$15)**.

(b) Upon receipt of an application in approved form, the department **or the bureau of motor vehicles** shall enter the application upon the ~~department's~~ records and issue to the applicant:

(1) **two (2) registration decals; and**

(2) a certificate of registration containing the following:

~~(1)~~ (A) The number awarded to the vehicle.

~~(2)~~ (B) The name and address of the owner.

~~(3)~~ (C) Other information that the department considers necessary.

(c) A certificate of registration must:

(1) be pocket size;

(2) accompany the vehicle; and

(3) be made available for inspection upon demand by a law enforcement officer.

SECTION 3. IC 14-16-1-10 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 10. The revenues obtained under this chapter shall be dedicated to the department for the following purposes:

(1) Enforcement.

(2) ~~Constructing and maintaining vehicle trails. The purposes listed in section 26(3) of this chapter.~~



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SECTION 4. IC 14-16-1-11 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 11. (a) The owner of a vehicle who has been issued a certificate of registration **and registration decals** for the vehicle shall ~~paint on or attach in a permanent manner to each side of the forward half of the vehicle the~~ identification number in block characters of good proportion; not less than three (3) inches in height, reading from left to right. The numbers must contrast with the background so as to be distinctly visible and legible.

(b) The department may adopt rules for the size and placement of identification numbers upon vehicles to which, because of structural design, the identification number cannot be attached as provided in this section: **display the registration decals on the front and the rear of the vehicle.**

(c) (b) Not earlier than ninety (90) days before the expiration date of a certificate, **a two (2) registration renewal decal or other device decals** may be issued indicating that the certificate of registration is in full force and effect. The department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 prescribing the display of the decal. ~~or other device.~~

(d) (c) An initial certificate of registration and a renewal of a certificate awarded under this chapter expires ~~three (3)~~ **two (2)** years from the date of purchase of the certificate unless the certificate is canceled.

(e) (d) The department may:

- (1) award a certificate of ~~number registration and a renewal~~ directly; or
- (2) authorize a person **in addition to the bureau of motor vehicles** to act as the department's agent for the awarding of a **certificate of registration and a renewal.**

SECTION 5. IC 14-16-1-14 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 14. (a) The owner of a vehicle shall notify the department **or the bureau of motor vehicles** within fifteen (15) days if any of the following conditions exist:

- (1) The vehicle is destroyed or abandoned.
- (2) The vehicle is sold or an interest in the vehicle is transferred wholly or in part to another person.
- (3) The owner's address no longer conforms to the address appearing on the certificate of registration.

(b) The notice must consist of a surrender of the certificate of registration on which the proper information shall be noted on a place to be provided.

(c) If the surrender of the certificate is required because the vehicle

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1 is destroyed or abandoned, the department **or the bureau of motor**  
 2 **vehicles** shall cancel the certificate and enter that fact in the records.  
 3 The number then may be reassigned.

4 (d) If the surrender is required because of a change of address on the  
 5 part of the owner, the department **or the bureau of motor vehicles**  
 6 shall record the new address. Upon payment of a fee of one dollar (\$1),  
 7 a certificate of registration bearing the new information shall be  
 8 returned to the owner.

9 (e) The transferee of a vehicle registered under this chapter shall,  
 10 within fifteen (15) days after acquiring the vehicle, make application  
 11 to the department **or the bureau of motor vehicles** for transfer to the  
 12 transferee of the certificate of registration issued to the vehicle. The  
 13 transferee shall provide the transferee's name and address and the  
 14 number of the vehicle and pay ~~to the department~~ a **transfer** fee of one  
 15 dollar (\$1). Upon receipt of the application and fee, the department **or**  
 16 **the bureau of motor vehicles** shall transfer the certificate of  
 17 registration issued for the vehicle to the new owner. Unless the  
 18 application is made and the fee paid within fifteen (15) days, the  
 19 vehicle is considered to be without a certificate of registration and a  
 20 person may not operate the vehicle until a certificate is issued.

21 SECTION 6. IC 14-16-1-26 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 22 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 26. The department  
 23 shall do the following:

24 (1) Prescribe the form of accident reports and registration  
 25 certificates and the form of application for the certificates.

26 (2) Conduct a campaign of education with respect to safety in the  
 27 operation of vehicles in connection with the use and enjoyment of  
 28 the public and private land of Indiana and with respect to Indiana  
 29 laws relating to vehicles.

30 (3) Construct, ~~and maintain, vehicle trails and acquire:~~

31 (A) **land for vehicle trails; and**

32 (B) **opportunities for off-road vehicle use** on public and  
 33 private land;

34 consistent with the intent of this chapter.

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